Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 26 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 26 Dec 2022 at 02:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Monday. High for changeable weather for the coming week, but low for daily detail

Headline for Monday 26 Dec 2022: Very cold and windy with snow showers, most frequent in the west

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 26 Dec 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	50%	50%	40%	30%

Forecast for Monday 26 Dec 2022

Weather: It will be a cold day with snow showers, heaviest and most frequent west of the A9 but still a few showers getting across to the Cairngorms. Showers will ease from late afternoon onwards, but the odd one continuing across the north of the region.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance east of the A9

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in snow showers, and cloud down to 700 metres as showers pass by. Otherwise very good visibility. Fresh snow will be blowing around in the strong summit winds.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/52 W	42/54 W	31/41 W	23/31 W	26/35 W	29/39 W	26/36 W
900	42/49 SW	41/49 SW	29/37 SW	18/23 W	22/28 W	26/34 W	22/29 W
600	27/34 SW	28/35 SW	21/29 SW	14/20 SW	15/21 W	18/25 SW	16/23 SW
300	11/28 SW	13/30 SW	11/25 SW	6/14 SW	7/17 SW	9/21 SW	9/20 SW
Glen	3/21 SW	4/24 SW	5/22 W	5/21 W	4/19 W	4/21 W	4/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-7/-19	-7/-19	-7/-18	-8/-17	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-18
900	-4/-15	-4/-15	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-14	-5/-13
600	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-8	-2/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10
300	-1/-6	-1/-6	0/-5	-0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6
Glen	-2/-4	-2/-5	0/-3	0/-3	-0/-4	-1/-5	-2/-5
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	200m	200m	100m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold in the strong winds at all levels.

Forecast for Tuesday 27 Dec 2022
Weather: After a dry start widespread snow will spread northeast across all areas through the morning. Drier and somewhat brighter weather with some wintry showers will spread east in the afternoon, although any snow confined to 800 metres or higher.

Maximum wind: Southerly veering westerly 30 mph with gusts 45 mph, and 55 mph or so over the Cairngorm Plateau

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning, improving 50% through the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in snow and extensive low cloud down to 600 metres, this breaking up from the west in the afternoon although this may take a while. Best chance of breaks north of Cairngorm

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 rising to 4 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres rising to 1100 metres by afternoon

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